

Cincinnati Novem^r. 2nd 1837

Dear Sir -

G. Bailey - Ohio

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MSS.

I am unable to express to you how much I was gratified; and at the same time confirmed in opinions previously formed, by the reception of your very interesting letter. My spirit had averted in contemplating the angry, fierce, unchristian, warring and strife among so many of our eastern friends. I was pained to see the slave forgotten for one, whose some seem determined to idolize. I was humbled, ~~then~~ see abolitionists, men and women who should stand forth as models of mental and moral independence, bowing down in the dust at the feet of a mortal. [I was in continual dread that the ~~course~~ pursued by the Mass. Soc. and the various other societies, ~~who~~ that acted at all, would foster the heresies of our friend Garrison on the Anti-slavery cause, and thus effectually bar its progress under its present auspices. And I wandered, and wandered again. And it was ~~that~~ ^{the} ~~meeting~~ ^{the} Parent Society, ~~that~~ ^{that} ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~editor~~ ^{editor} ~~must~~ ^{must} ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~should~~ ^{should} ~~shift~~ ^{shift} a voice to rebuke adulation on one side, dogmatism and proscription on the other, and to declare plainly that the Mass. Soc. was wrong in officially sustaining Mr. L's paper without protest or dissent. Whereupon I ventured to write two ~~and~~ long articles, and touching on all these matters and published them in last Tuesday's paper. They were upturned under serious apprehension that

I ~~would~~ forfeit the confidence of our
abolition-friends all the East, but I was
absolutely constrained by a sense of duty.
My pleasure is great therefore, to find in
your letter, much to remove my apprehen-
sions. Your letter is conclusive, satisfac-
tory evidence to my mind, that I have
not erred.

[And now let me beseech you to come
out & speedily and save our cause from
ruin; for ruined it will be in Mass.
if Mr. Garrison be permitted to give char-
acter to it. Your homener can judge bet-
ter than I can. Two things in my opin-
ion are certain. You never can debase or
mangle or modify your friend G. in a single
point; and you never can prevail on
the American people to be abolitionist if
they be come impressed with the notion, that
in so doing, they must break down
a clergy, make quakers, ~~men~~,
~~abolish~~ the sabbath, and set aside
all family and civil government; and
for one I say, God forbid they ever should
be abolitionist, if all these are consti-
-uent elements in the character of our
abolitionist.] Thank the Lord! The God
of Right, is the God of Order.

[The noise of your disturbances has reached
this region. People are looking with much
interest on the progress of things. I have
to be very watchful, to keep down the
impression that the body of abolitionists
sanction Mrs. G's. ~~heretics~~.] Pres^t Mc.
Guffey in his ^{last} Sunday morning's lecture

No a crowded audience in Cincinnati Col-
lege, alluded to them in such a way
as strongly to convey the impression
that abolitionists generally had become con-
taminated with this fanaticism, for
fanaticism it is. After the lecture I sought
an interview with him, ~~then~~ conversed
with him freely, and the conclusion
was - that he would make it his busi-
ness in the next lecture to remove
whenever erroneous impressions his re-
marks were calculated to make. He
was courteous and expressed himself as be-
ing entirely unwilling to throw any obsta-
cles in the way of any cause.

Recently in the Cincinnati Synod, an
Anti-Slavery Memorial was got up and
voted to be sent to the General Assembly.
John Rankin says it is very strong. Prof-
essor Stame. advocated it in decided
language, not on the ground of the
right of petition, but because of the
character of the prayer itself. After
he sat down, Mr. Rankin says Dr.
Beecher arose, and with great emph-
sis exclaimed, Amen! Amen! to
all that. So you see the clergy are
moving a little. Shall we appeal to them?
Let us bring moral influences to bear on them,
and be content to see them more and more
submissive to them; never though they
should hesitate to feel free to acknowledge
that they have been converted, and con-
verted by such a man. If a man
in these days would exert moral power, he must
be willing to keep himself out of sight, and

Let truth and the good of truth have all
the 8 long "yours in the hands of
a Holy Cause -
y. B. Miller - yours.

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